

# HISTORY OF LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN WISCONSIN

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Family Child Care Centers (4-8 children)</u>	<u>Group Child Care Centers (9 or more)</u>	<u>Camps</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Estimated Children Enrolled**</u>
1970	*	*	*	460	12,600
1975	*	*	*	813	20,781
1978	107	843	*	950	29,209
1980	*	*	*	1,155	35,512
1981	278	991	*	1,269	39,017
1984	*	*	*	1,521	40,383
1985	488	1,230	48	1,766	46,888
1987	559	1,303	37	1,899	56,014
1988	651	1,350	58	2,059	62,307
1989	917	1,511	68	2,496	75,522
1990 (Jan)	1,130	1,608	66	2,804	80,906
1990 (Apr)	1,235	1,627	67	2,929	84,512
1991 (Apr)	1,536	1,800	69	3,405	98,246
1992	2,057	2,012	55	4,124	141,000
1993	2,309	2,101	60	4,470	149,000
1994	2,405	2,177	60	4,641	155,000
1995	2,559	2,239	64	4,862	162,000
1996	2,643	2,227	72	4,942	167,000
1997	2,695	2,265	68	5,028	174,000
1998	2,676	2,287	76	5,039	178,452
1999	2,698	2,285	72	5,055	182,875
2000	2,793	2,288	77	5,158	186,259
2001	2,967	2,349	75	5,391	193,561
2002	3,088	2,407	64	5,559	199,539
2003	3,183	2,409	69	5,661	202,626
2004	3,220	2,428	69	5,713	205,736

\* Data not available

\*\* To estimate children enrolled, licensed capacity is multiplied by 33. Due to part-time care, licensed slots are often filled by more than one child.

Note: Growth in licensed child care capacity occurs when there is a net increase in the numbers of licensed centers and/or when existing centers increase their licensed capacity from one year to the next, thus increasing the estimated number of children who may be served. In 2004, licensed capacity for group centers was 129,004 and for family centers, 25,685 for a total of 154,689 x 1.33 = 205,736 estimated number of children who could be served.